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SUBJECT: INDIAN ELECTIONS

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1. IN RECENT MESSAGES EMBASSY HAS REPORTED ON SEVERAL ASPECTS OF INDIAN ELECTION CITED IN REFTEL, MOST BROADLY IN NEW DELHI 1254. IT IS STILL TOO EARLY IN THE CAMPAIGN TO ADEQUATELY ASSESS SEVERAL OTHER FACTORS WHICH AT THIS POINT REMAIN IMPONDERABLES. FOR EXAMPLE, WE BELIEVE THE ROLE OF SANJAY GANDHI AND THE YOUTH CONGRESS CANNOT BE ASSESSED BEYOND THE LEVEL WE HAVE ALREADY DONE UNTIL CONGRESS TICKETS ARE DISTRIBUTED. THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IS ALSO DIFFICULT TO ASSESS AS A FACTOR, ALTHOUGH IN SPECIFIC AREAS AND FOR SPECIFIC GROUPS IN THESE AREAS IT MAY PLAY A ROLE AT THE MARGIN, AS WE INDICATED IN OUR 1254. WE ARE NOT YET IN A POSITION TO GIVE A BALANCED JUDGMENT ON SUCH MATTERS AS THE "FAIRNESS" OF THE ELECTION AND THE ROLE OF THE RSS. WE WILL BE SENDING IN MESSAGE ON SAMACHAR, AIR AND PRESS COVERAGE SEPARATELY. OPPOSITION PARTY AND CONGRESS UNITY WILL ONLY BECOME APPARENT AS THE CAMPAIGN PROGRESSES. WE WILL OF COURSE BE WATCHING ALL THESE MATTERS CLOSELY AND WILL PROVIDE DEPT WITH EVALUATIONS AT APPROPRIATE TIMES.

2. WE ARE SENDING SEPTTEL GIVING THE NAMES OF KEY FIGURES IN THE CONGRESS AND OPPOSITION PARTIES. OF COURSE, THE REAL KEY FIGURES
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ON THE CONGRESS SIDE ARE THE PRIME MINISTER AND SANJAY.

3. WE URGE CAUTION AND RESERVATION IN PROJECTING NOT ONLY ELECTORAL TRENDS BUT IN ASSESSING MANY OF THE SUBJECTS CITED IN REFTEL, AND RECALL FROM PREVIOUS ELECTION ANALYSIS IN INDIA THE HAZARDS OF SUCH PROJECTIONS
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